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In re the application of)
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For: METHOD FOR SYNTHESIS OF EXFOLIATED POLYMER/SILICATE NANOCOMPOSITE) Date: November 21, 2001)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Before examination on the merits, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claim 7 as follows. The amended claim is listed below in clean form for the convenience of the Examiner. A marked-up version of the amended claim showing the changes to this claim is attached hereto as a separate page.

7. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the reactive emulsifying agent includes at least one selected from the group consisting of an amide group and a sulfone group.

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